a uniform law in the country regarding the cow protection

(b) if so the details thereof.

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH) : (a) No Sir

(b) Does not arise in view of answer at (a) above

(c) The preservation of cattle is a matter on which the State Legislatures have exclusive power to legislate.

[Translation]

Jail of Azamgarh

2650 DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the civic amenities like electricity, water, sanitation are not available in jails of Uttar Pradesh and

(b) if so, the remedial steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) and (b) 'Prisons' being a State subject as per entry 4 of List II-State List of the Seventh schedule of the Constitution, it is primarily for the State Governments to deal with any matter relating to the administration of prisons according to their rules, regulations, Jail Manuals, etc. However, it is felt that there is scope for improvement in the matter of provision of civic amenities and other infrastructure in any prisons in the country. To supplement the efforts of the State Governments in this regard, the Government of India is implementing a scheme viz. Scheme of Modernisation of Prison Administration. Under this scheme, financial assistance is extended to the State Governments. A sum of Rs. 425.00 lakhs was released to the Government of Uttar Pradesh during 1995-96 for modernising its prison infrastructure.

[English]

Unprovoked Firing on Students

2651 SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the unprovoked firing by the police on the students of Aligarh Muslim University caused many casualities on October 1, 1996;

(b) whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken by the Government against the erring police officials; and

(d) the compensation given to the deceased families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) According to the Government of U.P. on the intervening night of 1st/2nd October, 1996, a group of agitated students of Aligarh Muslim University became violent and indulged in arson and stone-pelting. The Police had to resort to firing to control the situation in which one student died.

(b) and (c) The Government of U.P. has ordered a joint enquiry by the Commissioner, Agra Division and DIG of Police, Agra.

(d) Ex-gratia of Rs. 1 lakh was paid to the father of the deceased student by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

[Translation]

Addition in SC/ST List

2652 SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT 'BACHDA' : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to include the 'Rawat Caste' belonging to the hill region of Uttarakhand in the list of Scheduled Castes/Scheduled tribes;

(b) if so, the number of persons issued Scheduled Caste/Scheduled tribe certificates so far?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Under the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order, 1950 as amended to date 'Rawat' is specified as a Scheduled Caste in relation to the entire State of Uttar Pradesh.

(b) Community-wise data on the number of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe certificates issued by various competent authorities is not Centrally maintained.

[English]

Membership fee to Foreign Agencies

2653. SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount in foreign exchange being paid annually by the Government as membership fee to the various foreign agencies i.e. CGIAR, CABI, APAARI etc.;

(b) whether any cost benefit analysis thereof has been undertaken; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) The annual contribution being paid by Government is as under :

(i)	CGIAR	- US $	0.75 millions
(ii)	CABI	- £	13,418/-
(iii)	APAARI	- US $	6,000/-
(iv)	NACA	- US $	30,000/-
(v)	CGPRT	- US $	5,000/-
(vi)	ISTA Swish French	- CHF	2,380/-

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) The benefits received from each of the foreign agencies in the form of exchange of scientific information, participation of Indian Scientists in training programme/seminars/conferences, new scientific developments, germplasm material and evolving standards commensurate with global standards are far greater than the annual membership fee paid by the Government.

Teak Plantation

2654 SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the plans and proposals of the Government to increase Teak Plantation in the country;

(b) the facilities and emoluments being provided to increase teak plantation;

(c) the details of teak stocks in Jamnagar and other Districts of Gujarat as well as other States during 1990 to 1996 till date year-wise;

(d) the area covered under the teak plantation in Gujarat and other States during the said period; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to protect and increase the teak plantation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Bomb Blasts

2655 SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of C.R.P.F. personnel killed in various bomb blasts and riots which took place in the country during the last three years till date;

(b) whether the compensation has been paid to the families of the deceased and the employment provided on compassionate grounds to their family members in all the cases;

(c) if not the reasons therefor and the details of such pending cases; and

(d) the time by which these cases are likely to be disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) 28.

(b) Compensation has been paid in all such cases. Employment on compassionate ground has also been given to the eligible personnel, as per rules.

(c) and (d) : Does not arise.

[English]

Claiming of Damages by Pharmaceutical Firms

2656 SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any pharmaceutical firms have claimed damage from the Union Government and four nationalised banks for the losses arising out of the present pricing policy change;

(b) if so, whether the same is due to reduction in the price of vitamins under Essential Commodities Act 1989;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) if not the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (d) M/s Jayant Vitamins Ltd., has filed a representation claiming inter-alia, reimbursement of losses sustained, removal of Vitamin C from the purview of price control and certain reliefs from the Consortium of Banks. The reduction of price of bulk drug Vitamin C notified on 14.09.1989 was, in the absence of data from the manufacturers inspite of repeated reminders, based on valid information available with the Government. Escalation in prices of bulk drug Vitamin C has been give atleast 10 times between 1989-95 after scrutinising the documents supplied by the manufacturers. Hence the question of reimbursement of losses does not arise.